

**Calendar of Events  
for Rock and Dane counties  
to mark the beginning of the Civil War.**

*See bottom of handout for additional information regarding addresses, locations, contact information, etc.*

**OCTOBER:**

- 14: Speaker: Ugi Pirocanac, Member 2<sup>nd</sup> Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry  
Topic: An infantry soldier's life in the Army of the Potomac  
Time: Cocktail hour starts at 6 PM; optional three course dinner starts at 6:30 PM, but must have reservations. Meeting starts at 7:30 PM.  
Sponsor: Madison History Roundtable (MHRT)  
Address: The Westside Business Club, 3706 Junction Road, Madison, WI.
- 24: Speaker: Steve Fortney, author of the book *Heg*  
Topic: Hans Christian Heg, the highest ranking Norwegian-American during the Civil War; commander of the 15<sup>th</sup> Wisconsin.  
Time: 7 PM  
Sponsor: Cooksville Lutheran Church  
Address: 11927 W. Church Street, Cooksville, *not Evansville*.  
Contact person: Jennifer Eager Ehle, 608-873-7600; [hopkins@litewire.net](mailto:hopkins@litewire.net)

**NOVEMBER:**

- 5: Topic: How to research and document data on your Civil War ancestor. If you have a written report on you Rock County Civil War ancestor, please bring it with you.  
Speakers to be determined.  
Time: 6:30 PM  
Sponsor: Eager Free Public Library  
Address: 39 West Main Street, Evansville, WI.  
Contact person: Jennifer Eager Ehle, 608-873-7600; [hopkins@litewire.net](mailto:hopkins@litewire.net)

An attempt will be made to schedule additional meetings for individuals who are interested in researching and preparing written documents about their Civil War ancestors. Location will be at the Eager Free Public Library.

- 9: Speaker: Bob Douglas, member of Civil War Round Table of Rock County  
Topic: Telegraph in the Civil War  
Time: 7 PM  
Sponsor: Civil War Round Table of Rock County  
Address: Helen Jeffris Wood Museum Center, 426 N Jackson St., Janesville.  
Contact person: Peter Skelly: 608-756-2590; [pdsKelly@charter.net](mailto:pdsKelly@charter.net)

**NOVEMBER:**

- 11: Speaker: Patricia Lynch and the West Side Soldiers Aid Society. This is group that specializes in Civil War era dance.  
Topic: Civil War period dances. Bring your dancing shoes.  
Time: Cocktail hour starts at 6 PM; optional three course dinner starts at 6:30 PM, but must have reservations. Meeting starts at 7:30 PM.  
Sponsor: Madison History Roundtable  
Address: The Westside Business Club, 3706 Junction Road, Madison, WI.

**DECEMBER:**

- 9: Speakers: Mr & Mrs Jim Johnson, Member 2<sup>nd</sup> Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry  
Topic: Gypsy Fortune Tellers in the Civil War  
Time: Cocktail hour starts at 6 PM; optional three course dinner starts at 6:30 PM, but must have reservations. Meeting starts at 7:30 PM.  
Sponsor: Sponsor Madison History Roundtable.  
Address: The Westside Business Club, 3706 Junction Road, Madison, WI.

**JANUARY:**

- 13: Speaker: Mike Martin, Member 6<sup>th</sup> Ohio Volunteer Cavalry  
Topic: Wisconsin Cavalry in the Civil War  
Time: Cocktail hour starts at 6 PM; optional three course dinner starts at 6:30 PM, but must have reservations. Meeting starts at 7:30 PM.  
Sponsor: Madison History Roundtable.  
Address: The Westside Business Club, 3706 Junction Road, Madison, WI.

**FEBRUARY:**

- 10: Speaker: The Regimental Volunteer Band (musical group presenting 19<sup>th</sup> century music)  
Topic: Union Army Band – authentic arrangements on period instruments  
Time: Cocktail hour starts at 6 PM; optional three course dinner starts at 6:30 PM, but must have reservations. Meeting starts at 7:30 PM.  
Sponsor: Madison History Roundtable.  
Address: The Westside Business Club, 3706 Junction Road, Madison, WI.
- 12: Abe Lincoln's birthday party. A family event for everyone!  
Activities: enjoy birthday cake and other foods from Civil War era, book discussions (perhaps the Red Badge of Courage), play games from the Civil War era, watch a movie (perhaps Shennendoah). Details to follow.  
Time: 6-8 PM  
Sponsor: Eager Free Public Library, Evansville, WI.  
Address: 39 West Main Street, Evansville, WI.  
Contact person: Kathi Kemp, director, Eager Free Public Library, 608-882-2260; email: [kemp.kathi@als.lib.wi.us](mailto:kemp.kathi@als.lib.wi.us)

## **MARCH:**

- 8: Facilitator: Jennifer Eager Ehle, sixth generation Rock County resident, genealogist, and lover of American history.  
Topic: "Show and tell" and preservation of family Civil War records.  
Share stories and artifacts about your Civil War ancestors with other aficionados of American history. Consider donation of your research documents to local depositories.  
Time: 7 PM  
Sponsor: Civil War Round Table of Rock County  
Address: Beloit Historical Society, 845 Hackett Street, Beloit, WI.  
Contact information: Peter Skelly, 608-756-2590; [pdskelly@charter.net](mailto:pdskelly@charter.net)
- 11: Speaker: Peter Skelly, chair of the Civil War Round Table of Rock County  
Topic: "The Unlucky 13<sup>th</sup>." Six companies of the 13<sup>th</sup> WI. were from the Rock County communities of Union, Evansville, Janesville and Milton.  
Sponsor: Eager Free Public Library, Evansville, WI.  
Address: 39 West Main Street, Evansville, WI.  
Time: 6:30 PM  
Contact persons: Peter Skelly, 608-756-2590, [pdskelly@charter.net](mailto:pdskelly@charter.net)  
Jennifer Ehle, 608-873-7600, [hopkins@litewire.net](mailto:hopkins@litewire.net)
- 10: Speaker: Bob Wetter, Commander USS Carondelet Landing Party, Member Co. G, 1<sup>st</sup> US Sharpshooters.  
Topic: Brown Water Navy in the Civil War – Ironclad Contests on the Mississippi  
Time: Cocktail hour starts at 6 PM; optional three course dinner starts at 6:30 PM, but must have reservations. Meeting starts at 7:30 PM.  
Sponsor: Madison History Roundtable  
Address: The Westside Business Club, 3706 Junction Road, Madison, WI.

## **APRIL:**

- 8: Speaker: Prof. Brett Barker, Assistant Professor of History at UW-Marathon County; author of Exploring Civil War Wisconsin: A Survival Guide for Researchers  
Topic: The Wisconsin Home Front during the Civil War  
Time: 7 PM  
Sponsor: The Evansville Grove Society  
Address: The Heights, 201 N. Fourth Street, Evansville, WI.  
Contact person: John Decker, 608-882-5528; [deckercorp@charter.net](mailto:deckercorp@charter.net)

14: Speaker: Jerry Hahn, Member of Society of Civil War Surgeons and Co. G,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Illinois Light Artillery  
Topic: Medicine in the Union Army – Surgery and Medicines for Troops in  
the Field  
Time: Cocktail hour starts at 6 PM; optional three-course dinner starts  
at 6:30 PM, but must have reservations. Meeting starts at 7:30 PM.  
Sponsor: Madison History Roundtable  
Address: The Westside Business Club, 3706 Junction Road, Madison, WI.

**MAY:**

- 10: Speaker: John Decker, President, The Evansville Grove Society  
Topic: “The Evansville Soldiers of the Iron Brigade,” ten young men in  
Company H of the 2<sup>nd</sup> WI. Infantry Volunteers  
Time: 7 PM  
Location: Creekside Place, Evansville, WI.  
Sponsor: Rock County Civil War Round Table  
Contact person: John Decker, 608-882-5528; [deckercorp@charter.net](mailto:deckercorp@charter.net)
- 12: Speaker: Joan Severa, Retired curator of costume at WHS  
Topic: early daguerreotypes with 300 images from 1830 to 1860  
Time: Cocktail hour starts at 6 PM; optional three course dinner starts  
at 6:30 PM, but must have reservations. Meeting starts at 7:30 PM.  
Sponsor: Madison History Roundtable  
Address: The Westside Business Club, 3706 Junction Road, Madison, WI.
- 20-22: Weekend activities for commemoration of the Beginning of the Civil War  
Time: to be announced  
Sponsor: The Evansville Grove Society  
Location: Lake Leota Park, Evansville  
Contact information: John Decker, 608-882-5528; [deckercorp@charter.net](mailto:deckercorp@charter.net)

## **ORGANIZATIONS and meeting places:**

### **Cooksville Lutheran Church**

Address: 11927 W. Church Street, Cooksville. *not Evansville, even though it has an Evansville mailing address. Is located south of the intersection of state road 138 South and highway 59.*

Contact person: Jennifer Ehle for the program on Heg, phone: 608-873-7600, email: [hopkins@litewire.net](mailto:hopkins@litewire.net)

### **Eager Free Public Library**

Address: 39 West Main Street, Evansville, WI.

Contact person: Kathi Kemp, director; phone: 608-882-2260; [kemp.kathi@als.lib.wi.us](mailto:kemp.kathi@als.lib.wi.us)

### **The Evansville Grove Society**

Contact information: John Decker, President, 608-882-5528; [deckercorp@charter.net](mailto:deckercorp@charter.net)

### **Madison History Roundtable (MHRT)**

Address: The Westside Business Club, 3706 Junction Road, Madison, WI.

Time: Cocktail hour starts at 6 PM; three course dinner starts at 6:30 optional.

Meeting starts at 7:30 PM. Presentation and discussion typically last one hour.

Dinner reservations: are required if you attend dinner, which is provided by Queen Anne's Catering, 608-833-6355. Cost is \$16.00 (tip included)..

Contact information: email [madhrt@googlegroups.coms](mailto:madhrt@googlegroups.coms); Rich Fronek 608-835-9678; Bill Raftery 608-831-7769

### **Civil War Round Table of Rock County**

Meetings: generally meets the second Tuesday of every other month: September, November, January, March & May. The location sites alternate between Janesville & Beloit. The Janesville meetings are generally scheduled for September, January & May.

Addresses: For September 2010 & January 2011:

Helen Jeffris Wood Museum Center, 426 N Jackson St., Janesville, WI.

Phone: 608-756-4509

For November 2010 & March 2011:

Beloit Historical Society, 845 Hackett Street, Beloit, WI.

Time: 7 PM

Contact information: Peter Skelly, 608-756-2590; email: [pdskelly@charter.net](mailto:pdskelly@charter.net)